

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—SENATORIAL AND REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS

S. J. R. No. 2

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 28 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to provide for a Board for apportioning the state into senatorial districts and representative districts in the event the Legislature fails to make such apportionment; providing for the issuance of the necessary proclamation by the Governor; and making an appropriation.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 28 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as hereafter to read as follows:

"Sec. 28. The Legislature shall, at its first regular session after the publication of each United States decennial census, apportion the state into senatorial and representative districts, agreeable to the provisions of Sections 25, 26, and 26-a of this Article. In the event the Legislature shall at any such first regular session following the publication of a United States decennial census, fail to make such apportionment, same shall be done by the Legislative Redistricting Board of Texas, which is hereby created, and shall be composed of five (5) members, as follows: The Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General, the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. Said Board shall assemble in the City of Austin within ninety (90) days after the final adjournment of such regular session. The Board shall, within sixty (60) days after assembling, apportion the state into senatorial and representative districts, or into senatorial or representative districts, as the failure of action of such Legislature may make necessary. Such apportionment shall be in writing and signed by three (3) or more of the members of the Board duly acknowledged as the act and deed of such Board, and, when so executed and filed with the Secretary of State, shall have force and effect of law. Such apportionment shall become effective at the next succeeding statewide general election. The Supreme Court of Texas shall have jurisdiction to compel such Commission to perform its duties in accordance with the provisions of this section by writ of mandamus or other extraordinary writs conformable to the usages of law. The Legislature shall provide necessary funds for clerical and technical aid and for other expenses incidental to the work of the Board, and the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be entitled to receive per diem and travel expense during the Board's session in the same manner and amount as they would receive while attending a special session of the Legislature. This amendment shall become effective January 1, 1951."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1948, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"For the amendment to Section 28, Article III of the Constitution of Texas providing for a Board for apportionment of the state into senatorial districts and representative districts in the event the Legislature fails to make such apportionment.

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"Against the amendment to Section 28, Article III of the Constitution of Texas providing for a Board for apportionment of the state into senatorial districts and representative districts in the event the Legislature fails to make such apportionment."

Each voter at such election shall mark out one of such clauses on the ballot, leaving the clause expressing his vote on the proposed amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this state.

Sec. 4. The sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury of this state not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

Passed the Senate, May 29, 1947: Yeas 23, Nays 7; passed the House, June 4, 1947: Yeas 100, Nays 36.

Approved June 17, 1947.

To be voted at election to be held Nov. 2, 1948.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 17, 18

S. J. R. No. 4

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by the addition of two new sections to be known as Sections 17 and 18 providing a special fund for the payment of Confederate pensions and providing a method of payment for the construction and equipment of buildings and other permanent improvements at state institutions of higher learning; providing for a five-cent reduction in the maximum allowable state tax on property; providing for an election and the issuance of a proclamation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Sections 17 and 18 which shall read as follows:

"Sec. 17.

"In lieu of the state ad valorem tax on property of Seven (7¢) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation heretofore permitted to be levied by Section 51 of Article 3, as amended, there is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes permitted by the Constitution of Texas, a state ad valorem tax on property of two (2¢) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the payment of pensions for services in the Confederate army and navy, frontier organizations, and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations or militia; provided that the Legislature may reduce the tax rate hereinabove levied.

"Also, there is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes permitted by the constitution of Texas, a state ad valorem tax on property of Five (5¢) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and initially equipping buildings, or other permanent improvements at the designated institutions of higher learning; and the governing board of each of such institutions of higher learning is fully authorized to pledge all or any part of said funds allotted to such institution as hereinafter provided, to secure bonds or notes issued for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and initially equipping such buildings or other